Action against fraud companies

†3575. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken action against such companies which have disappeared from the market after collecting finances during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details of companies against which action has been taken, year-wise; and

(c) the number and names of the companies together with the amount recovered from them, so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) 229 companies are reported to have disappeared after mobilizing money from public through capital market. Prosecutions have been launched against 135 companies, and against 33 companies of them police complaints have also been filed. A Monitoring and Coordination Committee, co-chaired by Chairman, SEBI and Secretary, Department of Company Affairs has been set up.

(c) There is no provision in the Companies Act for "recovering" money collected by companies through public issue.

Guidelines regarding reserved Lok Sabha Constituencies

3576. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) for how long a Lok Sabha Constituency can be kept reserved for SC/ST candidates;

(b) whether there is any specific guidelines to declare a reserved Lok Sabha Constituency as general after a stipulated period; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Under article 334 of the Constitution, the reservation of seats in Lok Sabha for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

shall cease to have effect on the expiration of a period of sixty years from the commencement of Constitution.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Improvement in taking pending documents on record

3577. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that services have not improved in taking various pending documents on record/action for removal of names under Section 560 of the Companies Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) No, Sir. Documents which are found to be correct in all respects prescribed under the Act are taken on record/registered. Defective documents are not taken on record and companies are addressed to rectify the same.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Changes in Anti-Defection Law

3578. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received spate of representations to bring changes in the Anti-Defection Law;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the loopholes in the existing Anti-Defection Law have been identified; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (d) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.